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SUSPECTED RED SPIES TO BE INDICTED

Ship's Crew Rescued

Tokyo, Mar. 7.—A rescue ship today removed the 34-man crew from the Japanese freighter Elko Maru, which ran aground last night in a narrow strait in the Japanese Inland Sea.

American naval sources identified the ship as a 900-ton coaster operated by the Sankei Steamship Company. The Navy said the small ship sent out a distress call after running aground between the islands of Honshu and Kyushu. A message received at 1:30 a.m. today said about half the crew had been removed and the rest of the personnel were in no immediate danger.—United Press.

Britain's Snowfall Melts Away

London, Mar. 6.—After a day of snow and fog, most parts of Britain today had a general thaw. Fog and further thaw is expected tomorrow.

In contrast to the rest of Britain, Scotland and Western England had sunshine. Some swimming enthusiasts in Penzance, Cornwall, had their first swim of the year.

Snow lay thick on mountain slopes in the Lake District, and skiers and tobogganists enjoyed good sport. A local sheep farmer used skis to search for sheep buried in snow-drifts.

The snow was not heavy enough to interfere with the British Overseas Airways' services, but nine out-going planes, bound for the Middle East, the Far East and Africa, were held up by bad weather over the Mediterranean it was reported in London.

Two incoming planes were delayed at Castle Benito, Tripoli, for the same reason.

In Germany, skiers who had difficulty in leaving Berlin this winter for the mountains because of the Berlin dispute, were up early this morning to take advantage of the first heavy snowfall of the winter.

Snow was already lying 10 inches deep and still falling fast.—Reuters.

Appearing Before New York Grand Jury Today

Washington, Mar. 6.—The Justice Department announced today that it would present to the New York Grand Jury at 11 a.m. Monday (tomorrow) the Government's case against Judith Coplon and Valentine Gubitchev.

It was disclosed that sultry-eyed Judith Coplon, 27-year-old Justice Department employee held in a New York gaol on national security charges, had refused to talk.

Federal Bureau of Investigation agents who seized the comely linguist and Russian expert in New York on Friday night, together with Valentine Gubitchev, 32, Soviet employee in the United Nations, tried without success to get her to reveal details surrounding her involvement in espionage charges.

The girl, who worked in the 1000 bail, and Gubitchev at \$100,000 on the grounds that he was the "more serious offender."

The Russian Ambassador, Mr. Alexander Panyushkin, demanded Gubitchev's release, but no answer is expected from the State Department until the FBI has completed its investigation.

In any event, Gubitchev is expected to claim immunity because he is on the UN payroll.

SPY RINGS

Senator Karl Mundt said they showed that "unquestionably the House Un-American Activities Committee was right last year in charging that spy rings still exist inside the Government."

He added that it was "unquestionably true Miss Coplon was part of the fuller organisation."

"It is inconceivable that this young lady—on her own established contact with this Russian in New York," said Senator Mundt.

There was some speculation that the Justice Department itself used the girl as a decoy to trap Gubitchev. The FBI would neither confirm nor deny that Miss Coplon was held in US\$20,-

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EDITORIAL

Something For Whitehall To Note

THE tone of Mr. Morse's speech at the annual meeting of the Hongkong and Shanghai Bank was strictly in keeping with the political and economic events of the past twelve months and their present-day trend in the Far East, with a very natural hesitancy to make any dogmatic forecast about the future. But the speech represented a constructive assessment and held just the right degree of optimism. For Hongkong, 1948 was a good year in trade, commerce and industry, despite, not because of the political upheavals in Southeast Asia. For this, Mr. Morse credited level-headedness on the part of official administration and sound business technique by the Colony's commercial leaders. But the Hongkong and Shanghai Bank also played a notable role, and, as Mr. Johnnissen emphasised in his speech, the policy followed by the Bank brought immense benefit to the countries in the Far East and as such represented intangible but tremendously important dividends to Hongkong. Mr. Morse made no attempt to minimise the increasing difficulties confronting foreign traders in China, but with his typical precedence to justify his optimism, he expressed the conviction that future problems could and would be successfully met. It stands to the credit of the shrewdness and sound business-like methods of both native and foreign merchants in the Far East that they have, for the most part, succeeded in overcoming a variety of economic and financial obstacles in past decades, and there is, therefore, good reason to believe that they will be capable in the future of facing entirely new situations and adapting their ideas and actions with

out any guiding precedent. This ability has already been demonstrated by Hongkong businessmen and by Government departments associated with the Colony's trade. In his brief reference to purely local subjects of public importance, Mr. Morse made some observations about constitutional reform which, it is to be hoped, will be transmitted with all the emphasis possible to the correct quarters in Whitehall. The bank chairman, in fact, reflected growing public opinion when he suggested that the Imperial Government should reconsider the creation of a municipal council (which, it is now obvious, will be of the milk and water variety if and when it comes into being) and instead ponder on the question of a more representative Legislative Council. Reform in this direction is easier to accomplish than the establishment of a big and inexperienced municipal council, and, so far as the public is concerned, would be much more satisfying. The taxpayers desire a much more direct voice in the affairs of the Colony and this could be afforded them more effectively through a remodelled Legislative Assembly than by any insipid and partly functional municipal administration. The fact that this subject was included in such an important review of Far Eastern affairs gives it added significance which the Colonial Office should be made to appreciate. And if, through his allusions to constitutional reform Mr. Morse should persuade official advisers to reconsider the matter and recommend a new type of Legislative Council he will have performed an outstanding service for the people of Hongkong.

End Of Clothes Rationing

London, Mar. 6.—Authoritative quarters said today that all clothing would be taken off the ration list in Britain within two months. Woolen clothes were removed from rationing last month.

Sales, however, are far below expectations and economic experts said, "People just do not have the money."

Sunday newspapers in London said the end of clothing rationing would free 1,200 Government employees for other jobs.—United Press.

Anna Strong
Back In U.S.

Nationalists & Reds

Forming New Armies

Ready To Fight If Peace Talks Fail

Nanking, March 7.—The Communist and Nationalist armies are being reinforced and reorganised today for possible resumption of large scale fighting should the forthcoming peace negotiations fail.

Former Government divisions in North China are now slowly being absorbed into the Communist military machine. General Fu Tso-yi's Peiping garrison is undergoing screening with the bulk of officers and men entering General Lin Piao's command.

It is reliably learned that the Ministry of National Defence is now attempting to raise 30 new Nationalist armies in various provinces. Average troop strength of a Chinese army varies widely and is roughly 15,000 men.

Most of the proposed armies are now and will probably remain paper organisations. Serious shortages of weapons and resistance to recruiting incidents there is little chance of the programme being successfully carried out.

General Tan Gen-po, Shanghai-Hanchow-Nanking area commander, has augmented his forces to a strength of about 225,000 troops. They are grouped along the Yangtze from Shanghai to Kiukiang.

General Pai Chung-hsi, Central China commander, has some 150,000 troops stationed west from Kiukiang through Hankow to Ichang.

SHENSI WITHDRAWAL
Some 180,000 Red troops under General Cheng Yeng are grouped North of the Tapien Shan mountains and East of the Peiping-Hankow railway. These were formerly Liu Pei-ting's troops. Nationalist officers who said two months ago that Ya was dead now claim he is the new Communist Chief of Staff.

Another 120,000 Communist troops under Peng Teh-hui are holding positions in South Central Shensi and are taunting Hu Tsung-nan's troops even now.

The Communists have their knockout punch locked in Lin Piao's Manchurian forces. With at least six columns in Manchuria to police the North, Lin Piao has available over 200,000 troops in North China for action in the South.

Already two of his columns, with artillery support, are believed to have descended down the Peiping-Hankow railway as far as Yengcheng, about 200 miles North of Hankow.

Several hundred thousand Red troops are occupying areas or on such missions as those 100,000 besieging General Yen Hsi-shan's Talyuan.—Associated Press.

LI'S CONFERENCE

Nanking, Mar. 7.—Acting President Li Tsung-ien conferred last night with the United States Ambassador, Dr. J. C. Leighton Stuart, Admiral Oscar Badger and Admiral Purnell, from the United States Navy, and General Pai Chung-hsi the President's closest supporter.

High-ranking United States naval officers flew to Nanking yesterday from Tsinling, where a United States detachment was reported to be leaving the North China port and later to be staying.

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THE PWD LARCENY TRIAL

Judge Rules Correspondence Is Irrelevant

In the absence of the Jury at the Criminal Sessions this morning in the PWD Larceny trial, Mr Justice Williams ruled that the production of correspondence which passed between the Director of Public Works and the Commissioner of Police after August 11 last year was irrelevant.

Facing three charges of theft by public servant and three of falsification of accounts with intent to defraud the Government, Mr. Kwok Kwong, 47, foreman, and Arthur Frederick May, 41, electrical inspector, grade I, of the Public Works Department.

Instructed by Mr. J. C. Stewart, Mr. A. J. Clifford who is defending May, told his Lordship that the Director of Public Works had no objection to the production of the correspondence.

After the jury had been dismissed, Crown Counsel said that the Crown had been served with two letters by the defence for the production of certain documents. One of these was correspondence between the Commissioner of Police and the Director of Public Works, he submitted, would serve no useful purpose.

Mr. Clifford contended that the reason why he wanted the list of documents seized was that it was not by accident that certain items had been left out. At an early stage the defence asked to see the documents but at that time received no answer by letter from the Police.

Mr. Hooton: Mr. Johnston telephoned to say that the documents could be seen.

Mr. Clifford said that it was the practice in every civilised country that if the Police did not want any specific document they should return it. The documents should be returned.

The Nationalist forces now in contact with the main Communist forces at any point along the Yangtze River front.

Actions reported in the press

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SECOND OBJECTION
Mr. Hooton's second objection was that the lists made by the Police of documents in their possession were quite irrelevant before the case started. The Crown had given the defence full access to all documents. The defence did not say then what documents they were looking for and by an error there were certain documents not shown because they had been overlooked. The moment the Crown were told about this they produced the documents but certain of these documents were not on the list. As far as Crown Counsel knew all documents relevant to the issue had been produced. Had there been any injustice to the defence when they asked for the documents at a very late stage the

earth and can only be made in quantity in an atomic pile. The plutonium was extracted from a uranium "slug" which had been irradiated for several months in "GLEEP," Britain's low-power atomic pile. Because of the low power at which this pile operates, the Ministry of Supply announcement said, the amount of plutonium is small, but it is sufficient for investigating the chemical and engineering problems which will be met with in the large-scale handling of the element.

Plutonium, first produced in quantity in the United States in 1942, does not exist naturally on

When the slug was unloaded from GLEEP, it had to be stored some time to ensure that the intense radioactivity decayed sufficiently for the experimental work safely to begin. The separation of plutonium and unused uranium is a difficult and complicated operation, owing to the presence of many different radioactive elements.

The final product is in the form of a solution of plutonium salt. During this first extraction, the Ministry said, the processes involved were studied by scientists to determine the best methods of separating the plutonium from the other materials.

Reuter.

Britain Now Producing Plutonium

London, Mar. 6.—Britain has produced her first supply of the "atomic energy" element—plutonium—but only enough so far to investigate problems which will be met in handling large quantities, it was officially announced today.

A Ministry of Supply statement said the production of plutonium—at its atomic research establishment at Harwell, Berkshire—was "one of the most important steps forward in this country's atomic energy programme."

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WOMANSENSE

Time For Beauty



By ALICE ALDEN

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By Frederick Cook

FOR the young man in a hurry, who wants to build a career for himself in Washington, there is now a short-cut.

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Perle Mesta (Mrs. George Mesta on very formal occasions) is the most remarkable woman in Washington.

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Mrs Mesta is an Oklahoman. Her age is a secret. But she married in 1916 (after having been presented at the Court of St James's), and is today said to be edging sixty.

Her father, W. B. Skirvin, was a millionaire. So was her husband, an Italian-American who left her his fortune on his death.

FIRM FRIENDSHIP

One day, soon after Senator Truman became vice-President, he learned that he was to make a speech in his old hometown, Oklahoman City. She flew out three days ahead, rented the Crystal Room in the Hotel Skirvin, (which she had inherited and had sold) and put on a party for Truman such as the oil town is talking of yet.

Her friendship with the Trumans was firmly rooted when Roosevelt died. She was one of the closest confidantes by that time of the family which, feeling strange and alone, had taken up residence in the White House. Few in Washington knew the Trumans well, for they had never moved in the set of the wealthy Roosevelts. Perle Mesta bridged the gap, and both sides loved her for it.

In the last two years her parties have grown bigger and better and more numerous. To be asked now up to her white-pillared red brick Georgian house in the suburbs is the nearest thing in Washington to a Royal Command.

ALWAYS THE BEST

The menus are always of the best, choice filet mignon, guinea hen, boned squab, sauté of frogs, terrapin à la Maryland. Only the finest drinks are served: ripe Scotch, vintage wines from France and the Rhineland. At one of her parties 300 quarts of champagne and whisky were provided and consumed.

Mrs Mesta herself is teetotal—at cocktail time she drinks tomato juice, sometimes with a dash of Worcester sauce.

Her guests never know what to expect.

Mr Truman has been induced to play the piano for the guests. His daughter Margaret has often sung. General Patrick Hurley has been prevailed upon to give his own rendition of the Arizona Indian war whoop—an horrendous sound which is reputed to have scared the pigeons off the Capitol dome a mile and a half away.

Another Idea

This fashion show with a difference is only the first of the brothers' experiments to take the leg-weariness and the fuss and bother out of the choosing of clothes for Britain's ordinary folk.

Another bright Mickey idea, inspired by his Army days, is to have these displays out in the villages. As soon as the weather improves, they will bring fleets of lorries, complete with dressing rooms and portable stage, on to the village green, and put over their displays in the open air. Any model on view will be purchasable on the spot. His plan is the civilian adaptation of the Army's mobile cinema units and ENSA tours in the field.

The Audience

I attended the first of these mighty half-hour shows the other evening. There is no doubt about their appeal. The audience was almost entirely composed of City typists and clerks from Government departments; the models were picked from the staff of the store itself and had been hard at work throughout the day; and the clothes they displayed varied from a little Utility afternoon dress of spun rayon worth £3 to a Paris-model purple coat at £21.10s. Perhaps the greatest interest was centred on the bridal dresses, which indicated that there is no reason why white weddings should be beyond the most humble means. One outfit, consisting of dresses for a bride and two bridesmaids, only cost a total of £10.4s.

It may seem a far call from hauling three-tonners on and off an Italian river ferry and working Diesel generators in Venice, which was Mickey's lot not so long ago, to dual-purpose swing-back swagger-cum-trotted coats and all-round plumed skirts in Oxford Street. "How come?" I asked Mickey, as he rushed to and fro behind the scenes putting the finishing touches to the next model about to step through flimsy white curtains onto the brilliantly-lit temporary stage.

Not Fantastic

"Not so fantastic," he assured me breezily. "Though I had no previous experience of it, the rag trade has always been in the Huttons' blood. Father once had a chain of stores throughout Britain; my elder brothers Pip and Barry were in it too. I always wanted to follow in their footsteps."

The war called a halt to these activities and hopes. Pip didn't come back; he was shot down and killed while flying a plane craft to the Middle East in 1943. But Barry and Mickey now carry on the family tradition. Barry has enthusiastically endorsed his brother's idea, and the first show, in striped trousers and morning coat, he wielded the microphone and in-

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ARMY NURSES THROUGH THE YEARS—Uniforms worn by the U.S. Army Nurse Corps are shown at the Corps' Anniversary celebration at Walter Reed Hospital, Washington. Left to right: 1917-1920; 1920-1930; 1942-1945, summer belge; 1942-1945, night nurse, 1946 to present.

It's Not Hard to Stay Slim



Courtesy Paramount Pictures
Five minutes of calisthenics a day does wonders for the figure, says Movie Star Monty Freeman.

By HELEN FOLLETT

IT is easy enough to avoid over-curves; it is a dismal business getting rid of them.

Perhaps you have noticed that the cute frock you bought last autumn doesn't zip together as easily as it did. Hop on the bathroom scales. Just as you sensed! Only five pounds, but right at the mid-section where fat cells first gather. Unless you change your living habits the five pounds may double. Then you are in for it. No movie star would tolerate even the slightest gain. Let these hassles be your good excuse.

Beware of starches. By the processes of digestion some starches change to sugar and sugar puts on the pounds. Close your eyes when you are about to pass a candy store.

Five minutes of torso twisting and stretching exercises will tend to hurry along the campaign. You should do them anyway even if you are not gaining. Activity is a law of life; we all need it for health and well-being.



Charming Nightgown

Let's Eat

BY IDA BAILEY ALLEN

Inexpensive Foods Properly Cooked Can Be Luxurious

NO matter what foods you buy, whether luxurious high-cost items or more commonplace everyday foods, they will taste good only if well-prepared and correctly cooked.

Good cooking means conserving natural flavours, preserving food values and presenting an attractive dish. Compared to poorly cooked costly foods, the most inexpensive foods, when properly cooked, are luxurious. For instance, dainty "seven-minute" cooked cabbage compared to "drowned" over-cooked cauliflower; Swiss steak compared to Porterhouse.

Chicken Cream Gravy: Combine 2 c. chicken stock and 1 c. undiluted evaporated milk. Bring to boiling point. Meanwhile, cream 1/3 c. chicken fat, skimmed from the top of the broth, with a generous half cup of flour. This will be very thick. If necessary, add a little cold chicken broth to blend. Add 1/2 c. of the boiling mixture, stir until smooth, then turn into the combined stock and milk. Cook and stir until boiling. Simmer 3 min. Add salt and pepper.

Square Baking Powder Biscuit: Mix up 1 recipe rich baking powder biscuit, using 1 extra tbsp. lard or shortening. Put into oblong shape a scant square in thickness. With a very sharp knife cut in 2" squares. Place, not touching, in an oiled baking pan. Bake 20 min. in a hot oven, 425 to 450 F.

Danish "Red" Pie: Bake a piecrust shell of plain American pie pastry, or use a mix. Meanwhile, make up the contents of 1 package Danish "red" pudding, using 1 1/4 c. water. Stir in 1 c. drained canned raspberries or use tinned fruit cocktail mixture, or a combination of diced tinned peaches and fresh or tinned pears. Spread in the crust-lined plate and chill an hour or until firm. Serve plain, or sprinkled with 1/4 c. shredded coconut or fine-chopped Alberi; or with a spreading of sweetened whipped cream or whipped dry skim milk.

Our Eating Habits: Have our eating habits changed this past year? Yes, they have, and as you may guess, this change is from the higher-cost foods to those more reasonable in price. This year we are eating more fresh and frozen fish, and less meat, turkey and chicken. We are buying more evaporated milk and margarine—less cream, butter, and salad oils. We are buying more tinned fruits and juices, and less ice cream. Unfortunately, we are using less fresh fruit and vegetables.

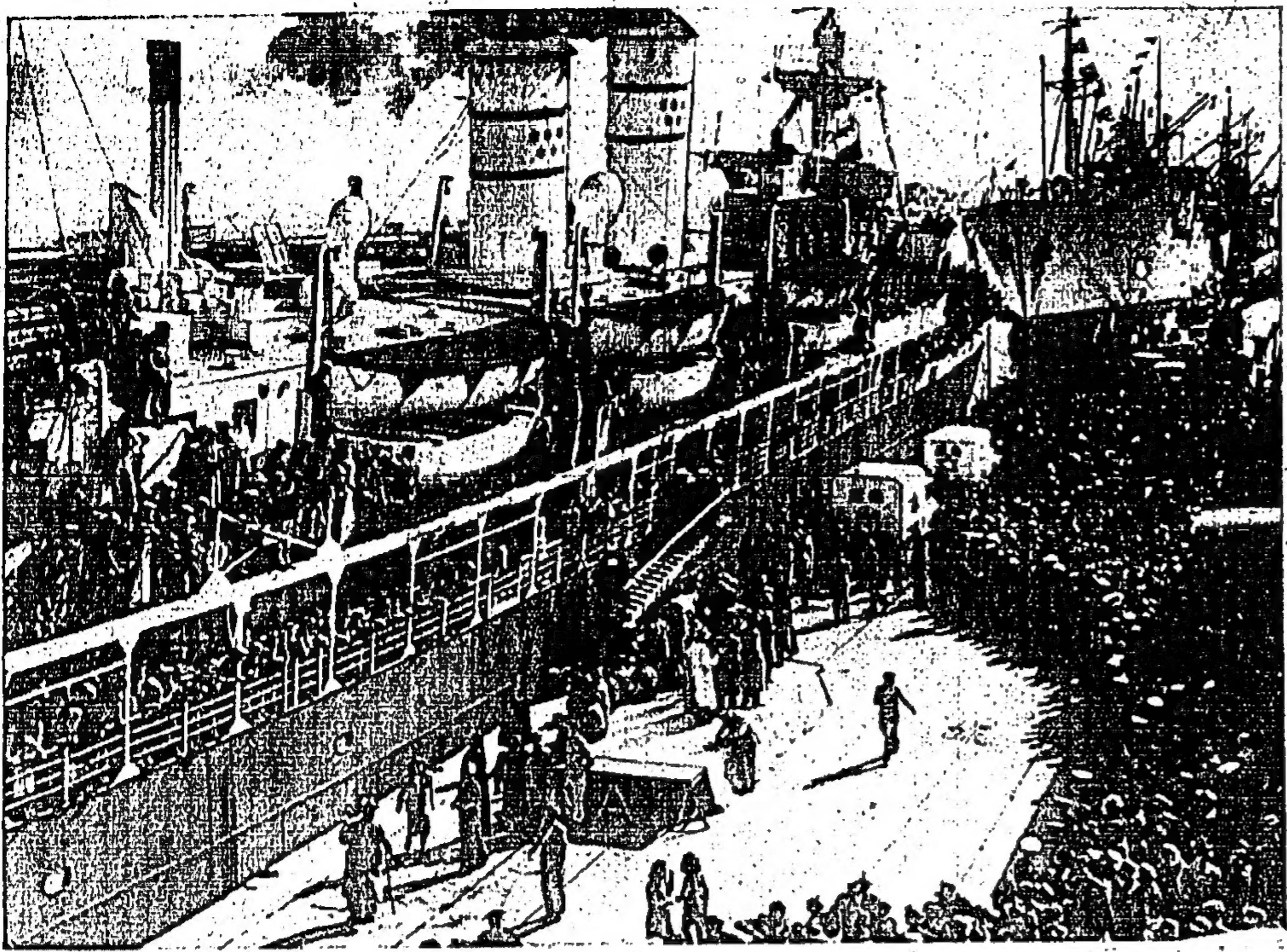
We are buying what we can afford and our choice is more and more limited by the high cost of eating. But if we balance our meals, prepare foods to save full nutritive values and make them truly "good eating," we can still be a well fed nation and balance our budgets.

Trick Of The Chef: To save money, buy stewing chicken instead of younger birds. They cost less a pound and contain a larger portion of large bite-sized pieces. Chop meat.

Chicken Croissant Fricassee: Modern: Select a plump fowl weighing about 4 lbs. Singe, tweez out pin feathers, scrub with mild soapy water, rinse thoroughly and drain. Place in a deep kettle with 1 bonyflet, 1 sliced mild onion, 1 c. celery tips or diced coarse stalks celery, 2 tsp. salt and 1/2 c. boiling water. Add the cleaned giblets. Bring to boiling point; cover and simmer until the fowl is tender, from 2 to 3 hrs. (Or use only 1 pt. water and pressure cook 35 min. at 15 lbs.) Cool the fowl. Remove the skin but save it. Cut the fowl in and contain a larger portion of

large bite-sized pieces. Chop meat.

WORLD NEWS IN PICTURES



HOME AT LAST—Sailors fight to hold back the crowd as the first shipment of Cyprus refugees released by the British authorities arrive in Haifa. The SS Galia brought 1,500 back to the homeland they had tried to enter, only to be detained on the island in the Mediterranean. Thousands of people came down to the boat landing to welcome the refugees.



FARMER'S DAUGHTER
—Betty Akers, 18, has been clutching that rake ever since her selection as a typical Southern California country girl to head the Los Angeles farm-fair.



FLYING COMFORT—Plane passengers between New York and Buenos Aires are provided with the latest sleeperette seats. For day travel, left, a leg rest unfolds from beneath the seat. At night, the seat lowers to a horizontal position making a bed six feet, six inches long.



HABIT FORMING—Charles H. Goren, right, of Philadelphia, is presented the William E. McKenney bridge trophy in New York by the expert after whom the trophy is named. It was the fifth time in 11 years that Goren had received the award, given annually by the American Contract Bridge League. McKenney's bridge articles appear regularly in this paper.



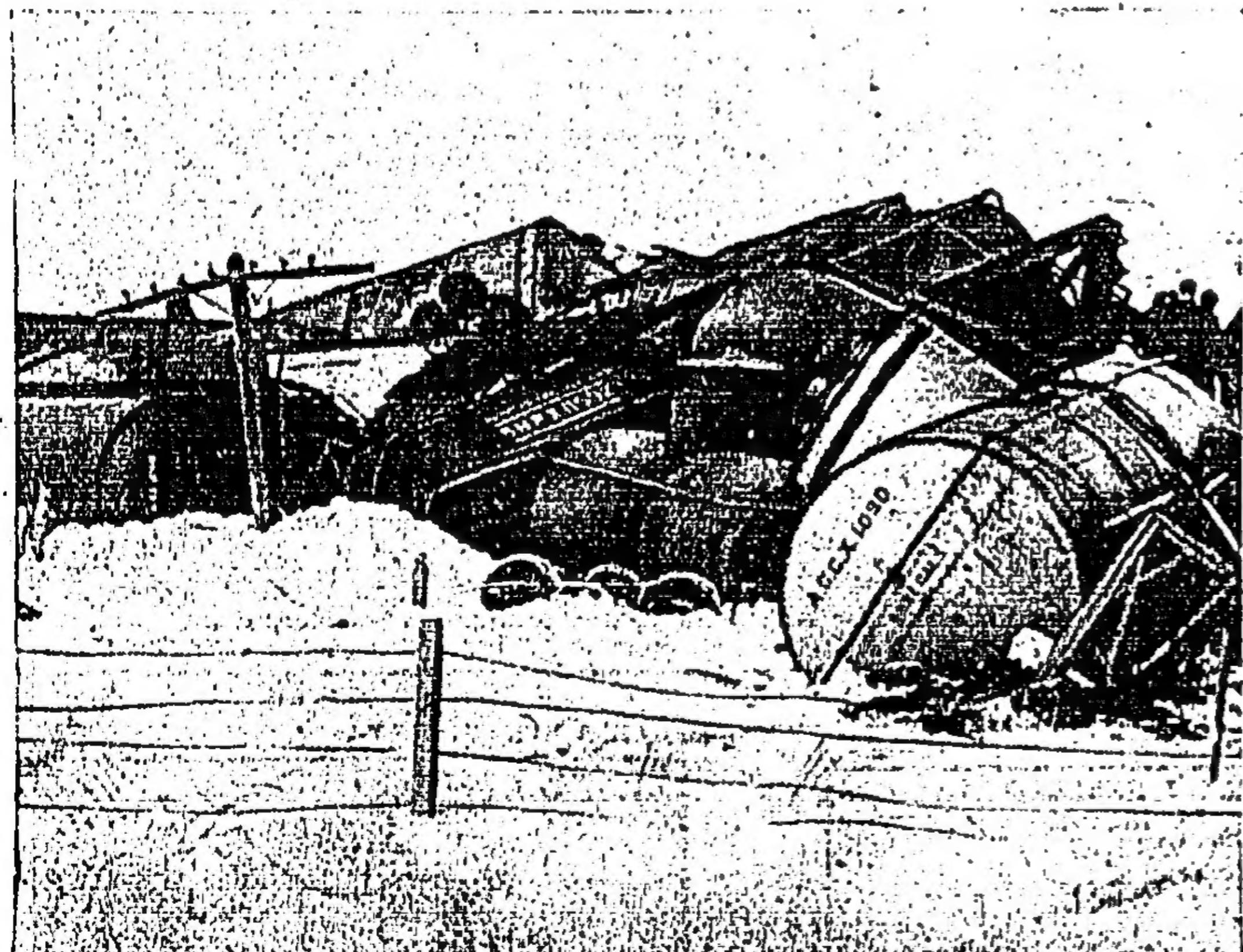
NO STONE UNTURNED—To supplement meagre fuel rations, Berliners are searching everywhere for wood. Here a couple of householders are removing a tree trunk from a cemetery in the French sector.



FORMAL SKI SUIT—Christiane Deluz relaxes in the latest formal costume for skiers, as modelled in Paris. The strapless bodice, with rhinestone-sleek white wool embroidery, tops a pair of slim ski pants of gabardine. Andre Ledoux designed it.



SALVAGE JOB—Berlin women sort paving stones from Hitler's Reichs Chancellery on the Wilhelmplatz, in the Soviet sector. The Russians are systematically stripping the building of its costly Italian marble and mosaics for use in the construction of a huge memorial dedicated to the Red Army.



SCRAMBLED—Some of 31 railway wagons which piled up near Maurice, Indiana, when they left the tracks because of a faulty rail. What was once part of a freight train now appears to be headed for the scrap heap.



AT EVENTIDE—These girls at Cypress Gardens take time out at the day's end to pose in the sunset with their beach balls. Florida is ideal for holidays—and the "scenery" couldn't be better!

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On with the new cinema—
while men live in cellars
like brutes...

THREE might never have been a war. Nowhere in Europe did it hit with a more hideous violence, nowhere are the scars and aquilar harder to avoid. And now three and a half years of history have swallowed the good and the bad alike. The moral issues have long ago been lost in a maze of secondary arguments; the political impulses of the war have been distorted by lies and false conclusions and preposterous national conceits beating on this dreary coupletry from all sides.

And Germany, having off the anaesthesia of defeat, is groping for strength among the follies of her victory and finding it fast.

Since last year's currency reform this has probably been the most sensational recovery in Europe. Already this smoky wilderness is producing nearly 80 per cent of what it did before the war.

Now snatches of perverse luxury highlight the depression. Shining plate glass among the hollow walls, costly perfume and pottery for sale in the Koenigallee and no one to buy, 3,000 people still living like brutes in Dusseldorf's cellars and a new movie-house going up among the debris.

They are bitter about the Ruhr Statute, which would put 90 percent of their coal and 80 percent of their steel under foreign control.

The Slave Statute, they call it, the dream of Poincare come true.

If Europe's recovery insists on internationalisation, they say, why not internationalise the rest of the northern industrial complex—Lorraine, Belgium, the Benelux interests?

Indeed, why not? There is no answer, except the old-fashioned, obvious, perhaps emotional, one that once upon a time there was a war, and Germany lost it, and Germany must pay up.

For the victorious Powers—resentment and bitterness lurking on the corners, distrust and treachery and sycophancy and contempt.

Power without policy

OUR occupation of Germany has succeeded triumphantly in one thing only, in proving that British power without policy can impose nothing whatever on a determined people, not even liberty.

And Britain, which in three and half years has not made up its mind what attitude to take, what political principle to apply, befooled by powerful American financial interests, is taking it the hard way.

Mr Bevin is now learning that when he promised to socialise the Ruhr he should have done it and be damned to America or kept his mouth shut. That is, if he has time these days to be told what goes on in Germany outside Berlin, which people here are beginning to doubt.

One foresees an endless situation, not of rebellion, but of passive resistance, an Indian-like impasse on non-co-operation, an interminable Teutonic *Satyagraha*—a Germany waiting for a Gandhi.

But what about the big fellows—the remnants of those great vertical combines which three times before have held Europe cynically and profitably at the pistol's point—the Krupps, Mannesmanns, Vereinigte Stahlwerke, Kloeckner, those old merchants of misery? Where are those bosses now—the Thyssens, the Reuchs?

What happened to the brave Bevin plans for bringing them under public control?

What about Hans Mueser, director of the great Bochum war-machine, to defy a direct British military order? Or Hans Kallen, technical director of Krupps,



James Cameron
reporting on the
paradox of the Ruhr

luxury

people thought of praising in 1945.

The ten million in the Ruhr are equally temerarious and resolute, with the difference that here they are not fighting against the Soviet Union, but actively and skilfully for themselves.

They are bitter about the Ruhr Statute, which would put 90 percent of their coal and 80 percent of their steel under foreign control.

The Slave Statute, they call it, the dream of Poincare come true.

If Europe's recovery insists on internationalisation, they say, why not internationalise the rest of the northern industrial complex—Lorraine, Belgium, the Benelux interests?

Indeed, why not? There is no answer, except the old-fashioned, obvious, perhaps emotional, one that once upon a time there was a war, and Germany lost it, and Germany must pay up.

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One foresees an endless situation, not of rebellion, but of passive resistance, an Indian-like impasse on non-co-operation, an interminable Teutonic *Satyagraha*—a Germany waiting for a Gandhi.

But what about the big fellows—the remnants of those great vertical combines which three times before have held Europe cynically and profitably at the pistol's point—the Krupps, Mannesmanns, Vereinigte Stahlwerke, Kloeckner, those old merchants of misery? Where are those bosses now—the Thyssens, the Reuchs?

What happened to the brave Bevin plans for bringing them under public control?

What about Hans Mueser, director of the great Bochum war-machine, to defy a direct British military order? Or Hans Kallen, technical director of Krupps,

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SATURDAY'S LEAGUE CRICKET

By "RECODER"

Recreio Win The Championship

Scoring an easy nine wickets' victory over IRC, Club de Recreio won the First Division Cricket League Championship on Saturday as Army went down to the Scorpions by four wickets at Chater Road.

Scorpions' victory now places them on a level with the Army in second place in the League standings, 12 points behind Recreio.

Saturday's matches were featured by a spate of good bowling analyses while only four scores of over 30 were registered, the highest being L. F. Stokes' 76 for the Scorpions against the Army, making him the first batsman to reach 500 runs in League matches this season.

Recreio, after dismissing IRC for 45 runs, required 23 minutes' batting to win.

At Chater Road, Army, taking first loss of the week, looked set for an appreciable score and were 27 for one wicket and 53 for two. The innings ended with another 47 runs added.

A second wicket stand between Stokes and Alee Pearce killed off Army's Championship hopes.

RAF, who last week had surprised by beating Army, found the absence of Gambrill a hindrance that was not

Best Performances In Saturday's League Cricket

BATTING

	Chun-nam	Unplaced In	1,500 Metres
L. F. Stokes (Scorpions v Army)	76		
G. T. Rowe (Optimists v RAF)	61		
D. Chelliah (University v CCC)	37		
Maj. Hutchinson (Army v Scorpions)	34		
BOWLING			
CPO L. White (Navy v KCC)	6-18		
G. E. Taylor (KCC v Navy)	6-24		
P. J. Billimoria (CCC v University)	6-33		
A. P. Perera (Recreio v IRC)	5-27		
T. H. Lean (University v CCC)	5-29		
F. Howarth (Scorpions v Army)	5-30		
G. T. Rowe (Optimists v RAF)	5-31		
R. E. Lee (KCC v Navy)	4-19		
T. P. Mahon (Optimists v RAF)	4-34		
L. A. Stepto (Army v Scorpions)	4-65		

League Cricket Averages

BATTING:

	Inn.	No.	Runs	H.S.	Aver.
G. N. Gosano (Recreio)	10	6	488	62*	48.00
L. F. Stokes (Scorpions)	15	2	531	110	40.84
A. M. Prata (Recreio)	14	4	397	65*	38.70
J. M. Gosano (University)	14	3	417	122*	37.00
H. Owen-Hughes (Scorpions)	12	6	213	30*	35.50
T. A. Pearce (Scorpions)	10	1	303	65	33.88
R. W. Franklin (Optimists)	14	3	358	91	32.54
Major A. R. Dawe (Optimists)	13	3	360	78	30.67
L. D. Klibee (Optimists)	14	2	345	85*	28.75
Dr E. L. Gosano (Recreio)	13	4	238	70	20.44
O. J. Kerr (Scorpions)	13	4	222	53	24.00
N. R. Oliver (Optimists)	15	0	360	64	24.00
G. A. Souza (Crangengower)	14	3	259	49	23.54
A/C J. S. Behre (RAF)	2	2	209	77	23.18
F. Howarth (Scorpions)	12	5	203	57*	22.55
L. G. Gosano (Recreio)	13	1	230	56	19.16
G. T. Rowe (Optimists)	13	1	231	61	17.02
D. Chelliah (University)	13	0	224	47	17.23
M. M. Little (Optimists)	14	1	222	50*	17.07
A. Zimmerman (KCC)	16	0	264	42	16.00
Maj. C. R. Murray-Brown (Army)	15	2	200	52	16.84
N. Hart-Baker (KCC)	14	0	218	60	15.57

BOWLING:

	Overs	Maidens	Runs	Wkts.	Aver.
Cpl Hart (Royal Navy)	81	29	204	27	7.55
Gur D. Banton (Army)	40	200	50	7	7.78
L/Cpl J. Jones (Army)	154.5	40	200	50	7.78
Dr E. L. Gosano (Recreio)	70.4	15	215	27	7.96
J. C. Koh (University)	170.3	52	206	43	8.71
A/C D. Graham (RAF)	69	10	208	23	9.04
T. A. Pearce (Scorpions)	61	5	252	27	9.33
A/C P. Perera (Recreio)	227.4	50	643	68	9.45
Lt A. Stepto (Army)	135.2	25	411	42	9.73
G. N. Gosano (Recreio)	95.3	19	270	27	10.33
F. Howarth (Scorpions)	202.1	48	546	49	11.14
D. McLellan (Optimists)	75.1	8	270	23	11.73
T. P. Mahon (Optimists)	168.5	35	504	46	12.26
Cpl A. Hodgson (RAF)	80.5	16	247	20	12.35
CPO L. White (Royal Navy)	177.5	25	480	39	12.46
F/O E. N. Gammie (RAF)	106	20	305	24	12.70
R. E. Lee (KCC)	144.1	24	420	32	13.12
T. H. Lean (University)	178.5	20	573	43	13.32
A. K. Ismail (IRC)	103.5	17	347	24	14.45
A. L. Smith (Optimists)	107.5	20	349	24	14.54
P. J. Billimoria (CCC)	227	30	776	53	14.61
A. el Arculli, Jr (IRC)	131.3	29	446	28	15.02
H. Owen-Hughes (Scorpions)	96.4	6	301	22	16.40
S. M. Teh (University)	158	22	524	30	17.40
T. Crabbtree (Crangengower)	209.4	37	603	36	18.41

Qualification: 20 wickets.

Mister Conquest



SWAN DIVE



BADMINTON'S WIMBLEDON

Freeman Beats Ooi In 23 Minutes

London, Mar. 5.—The biggest crowd ever to watch badminton in Britain, about 7,000, gathered in this famous indoor sports stadium this afternoon at Harringay Arena to see Dr David Freeman beat Ooi Teik-hock, of Malaya, in the final of the Men's Singles All-Eng 15-1, 15-6.

The first of the five singles was the women's singles, in which 22-year-old Anse Jacobson, of Denmark, beat her 20-year-old compatriot, Anse Svendsen after a keenly contested game, by 8-11, 11-4.

In the men's singles final, Freeman (U.S.A.) showed himself to be the master of masters at this shuttle game. He blasted the Malayan champion off the court in 23 minutes, playing with the most deadly accuracy.

Some idea of the perfection of the American's game was that in the first game he made only two errors, one a mishit and on the other occasion when he let one go which fell

two very nice silver challenge cups.

The good looking American pair Clinton Stephens and his wife, Patsy, took the mixed doubles after a game of fluctuating fortune although it was a great exhibition. In the final, the Anglo-American pair of Eugene Allen and Lynn Rogers led 5-1 but the Americans tied at 6-6 and never looked back.

The five titles therefore have gone—two to the United States and one each to Britain, Malaya and Denmark, a change from last year when the Danes won all five titles.—Reuter.

TONIGHT'S BADMINTON

HOW THEY STAND

P. W. D. L. F. A. P. S.

Recreio 16 13 2 1 50 5 28

Army 15 11 2 1 54 11 21

Navy 16 11 3 1 55 36 21

Khalsa 13 9 3 4 33 18 21

Police 17 0 2 0 28 20 20

Civil 16 8 1 7 42 30 17

RAF 18 8 1 0 33 34 17

Dockyard 15 5 3 8 20 30 13

University 18 6 1 11 35 36 13

C & W. 10 4 1 11 20 53 0

Dockyard 1 1 Dutch HC 1

R. C. 16 2 1 13 10 56 5

YMCA 13 1 0 12 0 52 2

The Week-End Scoreboard

FOOTBALL

FIRST DIVISION

Navy 1 S. China "B" 1

St. Joseph's 2 RAF 3

Eastern 1 KMB 4

Kwong Wah 0 Kitchee 4

S. China "A" 4 Army 0

CAA 2 Police 2

SECOND DIVISION

KMB 3 Dockyard 1

Kitchee 2 Police 0

St. Joseph's 2 Civil Service 4

Taiwoo 2 Solicitors' 3

China 2 PCA 0

CAA 1 Club 1

HOCKEY

Rhulaa 0 Recreio 0

Army 2 RAF 0

Navy 2 Police 0

FOR YOUR SPARE MOMENTS

LESSON HAND
McKENNEY ON BRIDGE

Stripping Out Hand Assures Contract

1085 ♠ AKQ6 ♠ QJ65 ♠ K94 ♠ 92 ♠ 542 ♠ A43 ♠ 1087 ♠ W E ♠ J1087 ♠ 4 ♠ 3 ♠ 83 ♠ Dealer ♠ 10 ♠ Barry ♠ A6 ♠ 5 ♠ 83 ♠ AKQ1006 ♠ K82 ♠ 23 ♠ Lesson Hand—Both vul. South West North East 1♦ 1♥ 2♦ Pass 4♦ Pass 5♦ Pass Opening—♦ K 23

Today I am asking you to meet John A. Barry of Pittsburgh, Pa. However, I imagine that he is pretty well known for the good work that he has accomplished. Jack is never too busy with his big restaurant to give a helping hand where it is needed.

He is helping to start a Children's Cancer Fund in Pittsburgh. I think it is important that mothers know that children do have cancer. Then perhaps we will be able to establish cancer centres in different cities, the same as Jack and his brother, Dr. James Barry, are starting in Pittsburgh.

Jack takes an active part in the national bridge organization, and he has given us our lesson hand for today. It combines stripping a hand out, and then making a safety play.

Jack (South) lost the opening lead of the king of hearts, but when West continued a heart, he trumps that trick with the six of diamonds. Now he took two rounds of diamonds, cashed the ace of spades, led the small spade to dummy's king and ruffed the four of spades in his own hand.

Next he led the deuce of clubs. West played the five and Jack put on the three-spot from dummy. East won the trick with the ten. He had nothing to return except a spade or a heart, which meant that Jack could discard one of his clubs, and trump the suit led by East in dummy.

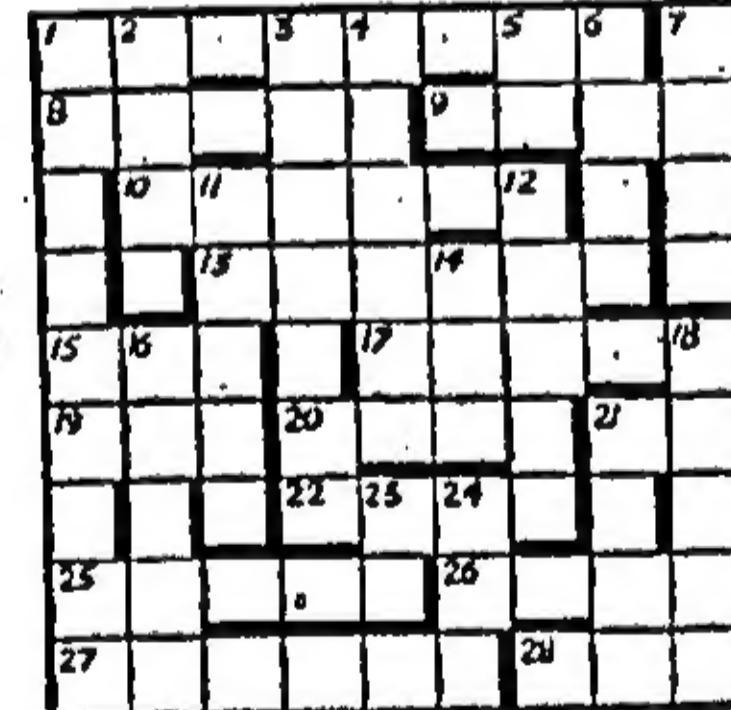
Thus, by stripping the hand out and then making a safety play in clubs, he assured himself of his contract.

Check Your Knowledge

1. Love birds are members of what "bird" family?
2. Name the largest and most costly library building in the world.
3. How soon after it strikes may an attack of malaria prove fatal?
4. Is there any part of the ocean that is lifeless?
5. Which is heavier, spring water or salt water?
6. What deficiency is the cause of the disease pellagra?

(Answers at foot of Column.)

CROSSWORD



Across:

1. Given as a sign of respect. (8)
2. Almost a miss. (8)
3. Certainly not this. (4)
4. No married man is. (8)
5. Eden's hostess. (3)
6. This gown is so retiring. (5)
7. Three folk are certainly county. (5)
8. I'm at a favourite radio show. (4)
9. Briefly one of Mr. Deveraux's boys. (4)
10. Let the dog follow the Colonel. (5)
11. Only a broken pane. (4)
12. Repeat a familiar intonation. (4)
13. Another way of saying down. (3)
14. Sounds very much like a mount. (4)
15. Corruption. (4)
16. What all professionals like to qualify for. (7)
17. Exclamation. (2)
18. An exchange for money. (4)
19. Rent without moving. (6)
20. Could be a royal composer. (5)
21. By a means bright. (5)
22. An alternative for a tenor. (5)
23. Official. (3)
24. Group of the world's races. (3)

Down:

1. The parrot family. (2)
2. In one or two hours. (4)
3. No. Scientists have found life in every part of all oceans studied. (5)
4. Salt Water. (5)
5. Nicotinic acid. (3)
6. All rights reserved. (10)

DUMB-BELLS

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HAVE YOU
SEEN HIS
NEW
TOUPEE?
NO! HE
TOLD ME
IT WAS A
COUPE!



AROUND THE WORLD

The Legend of Grace O'Malley

By TEMPLE MANNING

GRACE O'Malley was called "Granuaile" in the West of Ireland. So intrigued were we with the stories of the wonderful, redoubtable Grace that we journeyed to Clare Island, the headquarters of this Queen of the Isles.

Clare Island guards the entrance to Clew Bay, at the head of which is situated an important County Mayo town, Westport. The approach to Clare Island is most picturesque. The island rises steeply to the Knocknarea, a mountain 1,500 feet high, that dominates the island.

Pretty Harbour

On a small green peninsula overlooking the pretty little harbour is the grim square tower of Granuaile's Castle. Nearby are a few houses and the hotel, a remarkably comfortable place.

There is a small abbey on the island which, although in ruins, holds much of interest, including a fine altar tomb, the remains of some beautiful paintings on the plastered ceiling of the chancel. Scholars who have made the journey to Clare have been very interested in these medieval fresco paintings.

The land of Clare Island is wet and boggy. Sheep and other animals graze on the mountain uplands and the cliffs. Seals abound at Clare and steal the fish out of the nets, whilst otters take the fish from the streams.

Cottage on Clare Island.

It is a lonely island, but a lovely one, a peaceful spot, away from turmoil and strife.

Cheer up, little oat

A mural slab in the ancient abbey bears the O'Malley coat of arms and on it is inscribed the family motto which informs one and all that the name O'Malley is powerful on land and sea. In 1570 it was written of Granuaile that she was powerful. She was the head of the family and lived in the time of Queen Elizabeth, and Queen Elizabeth feared her.

She held the coasts of Western Ireland and levied toll on all ships in a very thorough but impartial fashion, for the Irish had to pay tribute, too.

Queen Elizabeth

Queen Elizabeth offered to make her a Countess, but Granuaile laughed that one of

the author whose lecture received no publicity reminded me of what Talleyrand said of Chateaubriand. "He thinks he's deaf, because people are no longer discussing him."

Bitter Memory

The ship steamed slowly through the fog. Every time the fog-horn sounded the great Toscanini wailed. A man beside him said, "That sound must be dreadful for a musician."

"It isn't that," replied Toscanini, "but I could swear it's — in Lohengrin."

1949

The former landlord of State Refreshment Hostel of State

1948, having been reported by a Government spy for saying that he preferred to run his own inn in his own way; for secretly installing a dart-board, for permitting units of personnel to sing, and for failing to stand to attention at the mention of Mr. Morrison's name on the radical

hard labour under the special (Liquor Monopoly) Powers Act.

Such stuff as dreams are made of

A DANISH paper refers again to the probability that fish can hear, and might therefore be taught to talk. Imagine being answered back by an impudent mackerel, or shouted down by a herd of whitebait! Think of the Fish's Hour on the radio. "And how are you today, herring?" "Klipper again!" (Prolonged giggling from all the fish in the studio.)

GOVT. BONDS

But the conduct of the Industrial share market cannot

really be understood without reference to the story of Government Bonds. These had been

driven up in 1945 and 1946 by the post-war rush of inflation

and firm control of interest

rates.

Early in 1947 the control was

relaxed and the index of

Government stocks fell from

148.7 on the last day of 1946

to 134.5 at the end of 1947.

In April it had fallen to 130,

but in mid-summer it began to

climb slowly and continued a

steadily accelerating upward

course until the end of November when it had recovered to

133.8.

For various local reasons the

end of the year is always a

period of slack investment in

Government bonds, so that a

slight relapse in December to

133.6 on the last day of the

year had no significance. In

January the big institutions be-

gan to buy again.

No new trend has shown it-

self in the fixed interest mar-

ket to equal the definite pro-

mise of the industrial share

trades.

But the real London invest-

ment story of 1948 was that

utterly unexpected and tech-

nically illegal six months rise

in Government stocks through-

out the second half of the year.

Week after week both the pro-

fessional dealers and the

banks and insurance com-

panies watched the bonds climb slowly on a trichle of

buying without daring to step

out. They were apt to be over-

cautious in attempting to

strike out for something new

and different. You must exert

your individualism if you are

to achieve the best that is in

store for you in the future.

To find what the stars have

in store for tomorrow, select

your birthday star and read

the corresponding paragraph.

Let your birthday star be your

daily guide.

BY THE WAY

by Beachcomber

CORRESPONDENT who signs herself "Enthusiastic Balleromane" objects to my recent remarks on that absurd branch of the lower aerobatics.

"No doubt," she says, "you would look like a horse reaching for a bucket of oats if you attempted to be a *dancer noble* in *ballet*." Well that was not with the opinion of the critics when, as Serge Mortonov I danced the part of *Pikka*, the bandit in *Buzov's Printemps d'un Ferblant*. The *Redondo Observer* said, "His miming, his charactosities, his plumage have to be seen to be believed." The *Runcorn Conveyancer* and *Gazette* said, "Nothing like this has been seen since Chakasavich, in a magnificent *pas de trente-cinq*, fell into the capacious mouth of a trombone, and set the orchestra by the ears." Yours faithfully, Enthusiastic Balleromane.

Cheer up, little oat

THE two previous long-term changes which began in 1928 and 1937 had been much more precipitate, but the preceding upward climb had been shorter in each case than the 1940-47 rise.

But very few people were prepared to see this market rally after the first severe decline and then remain within narrow limits for as much as a whole year.

According to the accepted chart theories the behaviour of the market in 1948 was perfectly compatible with a major downward trend. Each low point during the year was a little lower than the previous one, and each recovery peak stopped a little short of the one before.

But all the "chartists" were thrown into excited confusion when, in the second week of January the index showed 121.7. By reaching this figure it had broken through the two "upper resistance points" of 1948, suggesting a break with precedent.

Market commentators have

begun to talk of the last 12 months as a "trendless period," less technically inclined observers merely keep their fingers crossed and wonder whether the traditional pattern of the investment cycle may have been shattered by the powerful intervention of the State in finance.

Such stuff as dreams are made of

A DANISH paper refers again to the probability that fish can hear, and might therefore be taught to talk. Imagine being answered back by an impudent mackerel, or shouted down by a herd of whitebait! Think of the Fish's Hour on the radio. "And how are you today, herring?" "Klipper again!" (Prolonged giggling from all the fish in the studio.)

COVT. BONDS

But the conduct of the Industrial share market cannot

really be understood without reference to the story of Government Bonds. These had been

driven up in 1945 and 1946 by the post-war rush of inflation

and firm control of interest

rates.

Early in 1947 the control was

relaxed and the index of

Government stocks fell from

148.7 on the last day of 1946

to 134.5 at the end of 1947.

In April it had fallen to 130,

but in mid-summer it began to

climb slowly and continued a

steadily accelerating upward

course until the end of November when it had recovered to

133.8.

For various local reasons the

end of the year is always a

period of slack investment in

Government bonds, so that a

slight relapse in December

Kremlin Shakeup Will Not Affect The North Atlantic Alliance

SENATOR CONNALLY'S STATEMENT

Washington, March 6.—Chairman Tom Connally of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee asserted today that the Molotov-Vyshinsky diplomatic shift will not cause the United States to "budge one inch" from its all-out support of the North Atlantic security alliance. He indicated this would be the stand no matter how tough Russia gets about it.

The State Department, meanwhile, stayed silent on the Kremlin shakeup. A spokesman said the Department's official stand is that "it's their business not ours" who manages the Russian foreign policy.

Privately, some high officials noted with relief that Moscow did not immediately use the shift as a springboard for a new "peace offensive" aimed at weakening Western unity behind the security alliance. But other officials cautioned that developments may come swiftly when the new Soviet team gets down to work.

Senator Connally shared that view. He told the United Press the East-West deadlock officials intend will come when the West definitely has the upper hand.—United Press.

Those factors may break the deadlock, officials said. Moscow is forced to realize that the West definitely has the upper hand.—United Press.

Two British Fleets On Manoeuvres

Gibraltar, Mar. 6.—The Home and Mediterranean Fleets sailed from here this evening for large-scale manoeuvres. Their air, surface and submarine forces will practise shadowing and bringing enemy forces to action.

The senior officers of both Fleets are Vice-Admiral the Hon. Guy Ruggell, in the battleship Duke of York (35,000 tons), and Rear-Admiral Earl Mountbatten, in the cruiser Liverpool (9,400 tons).

The Commander-in-Chief of the Mediterranean Fleet, Admiral Sir Arthur Power, and the Commander-in-Chief of the Home Fleet, Admiral Sir Rhoderick McGrigor, will watch the exercises from the battleship Vanguard (42,500 tons) and the aircraft carrier Implacable (23,000 tons), which are not taking part in the exercises.

The Governor of Gibraltar, General Sir Kenneth Anderson, will be in the Implacable. Flag Officer, Air Mediterranean, Vice-Admiral Cyril Douglas-Pennant, in the aircraft carrier Triumph (13,350 tons), will conduct the combined manoeuvres.

Gibraltar's defences will be tested at the same time. Rear Admiral P.W.B. Brooking and Air Commodore G.R.C. Spencer will command the Area Combined Headquarters on the Rock.

The Fleets will return to Gibraltar on Wednesday.—Reuter.

LEGIONNAIRES ARRESTED IN CANTON

Canton, March 6.—Three more members of the French Foreign Legion in Indo-China are being held by the Canton Pacification Headquarters. They escaped into Lungchow in Southwestern Kwangsi Province, bordering Indo-China, and were picked up by the Chinese military.

They are Josep Ryterer, a Czech, Gualter Ehrhardt, and Frenz Sareck, Germans.

They are held here on illegal entry into Chinese territory and may be handed over to Czechoslovakia and Germany at their request.

Earlier, an American Naval enlisted man, James P. Ryan, was picked up. He said he was "drafted" into the Foreign Legion and later escaped to Canton.

He was taken by United States Assistant Naval Attaché, Lieut-Cmdr. Edwin A. Buchan from Canton to Hongkong. Ryan said he missed the USS Dixie at San Remo, Italy, and was forced into the Legion.—Associated Press.

Important Three-Power Talks On Western Germany Likely

Washington, Mar. 6.—The United States, Britain and France are expected to hold a highly important conference soon on Western Germany.

Top officials in capitals of the three nations say the time is near for such high level decisions. They are confronted by such questions as:

CHILE GOES QUIETLY TO THE POLLS

Santiago de Chile, Mar. 6.—Chile went quietly to the polls today to elect a new Lower House of 147 Deputies as well as 20 Senators.

The polling booths remained open for eight hours, and only men aged 21 or over, who can read and write, were eligible to vote, giving an electorate of 591,980.

Chile has no women's vote for Congressional elections.

The Chamber of Deputies elected today is the 30th since Chile won her independence in 1810. The Chamber is elected every four years and half the Senate is renewable at the same time.

The present Chamber, elected under a Conservative President in March, 1945, is made up of 74 right wing and 73 left wing Deputies.

The Presidential election of September, 1946, resulted in a win for Senator Gonzales Videla, the left wing Radical candidate. The present Ministry includes three Radicals, three Liberals, two Conservatives, a Democrat and several non-party members.

The 40,000 Communists, who were not struck off the electoral rolls when the Communist Party was outlawed last September, have no candidates of their own.

They were expected to vote for the National Democratic Front, a combination of various groups opposing the Government Radical bloc.—Reuter.

ARMS PROGRAMME

The follow up arms programme is already stirring a sharp Congressional debate. Democratic Senator Harry Byrd complained that repeated inquiries have failed to produce any administration estimate of what the programme will cost although unofficial estimates range above \$1,000,000,000. He said he would call State Department officials before his committee on reduction of Federal expenditures for an explanation unless one is forthcoming soon.

Chairman Walter George of the Senate Finance Committee also said that the Department would be "obliged" to give specific estimates of the cost.

United States officials, who took a "wait and see" stand toward the Kremlin change, pointed out that the next few months will bring new reasons and new opportunity for Russia to show its genuine conciliatory attitude.

They said that within a few months the Atlantic pact should be in operation, the Marshall plan will be starting its second year, and Western Germany will have its own government.

MR TRUMAN ON VACATION

Key West, Florida, Mar. 6.—President Truman landed at Key West today to begin a 13-day vacation.

The President's special plane, the Independence, set down at Boca Chica naval air base at 12.34 p.m. EST. He had left Washington about three and a half hours earlier.

Mr Truman will return to the capital on March 19. In the meantime, it was said, he will be working almost as hard as ever.

The President will be in constant touch with Washington by teletype, radio and a special courier plane that will make daily shuttle flights with State papers.—United Press.

Mothers Protest

Paris, Mar. 6.—A banner displayed at a meeting organised by the Union of French Women here tonight declared: "French mothers will never give their sons to make war against the USSR."

Mme. Jeannette Vernier, a Communist Member of the National Assembly, told the meeting: "There is no other war being prepared but the anti-Soviet war, and it is to that war that we will not give our sons."—Reuter.

"It sounds like bronchitis."

Wooden Hen Lays Eggs!



Much to the astonishment of these youngsters, this wooden hen lays wooden eggs during preview of British Export Toy Fair at Birmingham.—AP Picture.

Czech I.S. Linked With Spy Charges

Munich, Mar. 6.—The prosecution of eight Europeans charged with gathering U.S. military information in Germany for a foreign power resumes tomorrow after a weekend recess.

Counsel for the American Military Government indicated at recess time on Friday that the halfway mark had been reached in the case against three women and five men. Of the eight, three are Czechs.

Testimony so far has linked the Czech Intelligence Service to the hearing, largely through a surprise prosecution witness, Otakar Fefar, a former Czech Intelligence Service captain.

He definitely tied two men to the case, 23-year-old Egon Richter, a former German sailor, and Franz Baler, 35 who, Fefar said, bore the code name "Carey Boy."

The hearing has been slow as the prosecution built up a step-by-step structure to clinch the introduction of confessions allegedly contained from the right accused.

Defence counsel vigorously opposed these attempts, after entering a blanket plea of not guilty, and vainly calling for a dismissal of charges.

CLASS 5 AGENT

In Friday's testimony Fefar said the defendant Richter was listed in Czech Intelligence reports as "el 5" agent.

Fefar, who fled the Czech Republic last November with secret files, gave an account of information which he said Richter gave him. This included news on U.S. troop movements and the British airbase at Fassberg, terminal point on the Berlin airlift.

A prosecution counsel, commenting on Richter, told reporters "he is the least of the eight. The others have done a lot more."

Confessions which the prosecution said were obtained from the defendants by American counter intelligence agents, said that blonde, sullen Gerle Doebe, 20-year-old Sudeten ex-pelée, is a veteran of the German Gestapo, the German Security Police in Oslo, and a former employee of the American counter intelligence offices at Hof, Germany.

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United Press.

BUSY WEEK AHEAD

On the Western side of the continent, this loomed as a very busy week. These developments actually are scheduled, or in prospect:

1.—George F. Kennan, the U.S. State Department's top policy planning officer, will begin in Germany a two to three weeks' first-hand review of America's occupation policies and operations.

His recommendations to the Secretary of State, Mr Dean Acheson will help lay the groundwork for American discussions with the British and French. This may mean a meeting in Washington before the end of the month.

(Whatever the Western powers decide about Germany without consulting Russia is sure to arouse a new Soviet protest. Moscow has opposed organisation of Western Germany ever since it became a possibility. Officials here saw nothing essentially new in the Soviet announcement in Berlin on Saturday that the Russians would not recognise a Western German state.)

2.—Ambassador Robert Murphy is due here by midweek to complete a revision of the State Department's branches dealing with German affairs. Mr Murphy, who has been the chief American diplomatic official under General Lucius D. Clay in Berlin, will head a new State Department office of German affairs.

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3.—Danish Foreign Minister Gustave Rasmussen is due to leave Copenhagen on Tuesday for Washington. He will seek basic for Denmark's entry into the final talks on the Atlantic Defense Agreement. He will be welcomed by Mr Acheson and the representatives of the negotiating countries, Belgium, France, Canada, Belgium, the Netherlands, Luxembourg and Norway.

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FLEE TO SAFETY

Vienna, Mar. 6.—Three Hungarian police officers fled into Austria for political reasons on Saturday. Austrian police sources said in Vienna today.—Associated Press.

The police later found the charred remains of the girl, 33-year-old Augusta de Vas, in a field near her home.—Reuter.

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